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2. (U) NEA-ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET IN BAGHDAD, JUNE 3-5. (GDS 6/10/87)

- (C) PRELIMINARY REPORTS OF THE MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION IN BAGHDAD INDICATE IT WAS ONE OF THE LEAST CONTROVERSIAL OF RECENT MEETINGS. FOR THE MOST PART, THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED POSITIONS TAKEN AT THE ICO SUMMIT LAST JANUARY IN TAIF, SAUDI ARABIA. THEIR CHIEF FOCUS WAS ON THE JERUSALEM AND PALESTINIAN ISSUES, WHICH PRODUCED INCREASED RHETORIC AND CRITICISM OF ISRAEL AND THE US WITH RESPECT TO LEBANON AND THE SYRIAN MISSILE CRISIS. THE MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE ISLAMIC GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE SET UP AT TAIF TO MEDiate THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR AND CALLED FOR AN END TO HOSTILITIES. IRAQ BENEFITED BY IRAN'S (AND SYRIA'S) BOYCOTT OF THE CONFERENCE BY WINNING SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITION. IRAN'S PIQUE OVER REJECTION OF ITS DEMAND FOR A POSTPONEMENT OR CHANGE IN VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE MAY AFFECT THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE. AFGHANISTAN WAS DE-EMPHASIZED, BUT THE MINISTERS DID REITERATE THEIR CALL FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF "FOREIGN TROOPS" FROM AFGHANISTAN.

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